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*House Meets at 12:30 a.m. for Morning Hour and  
2:00 p.m. for Legislative Business  
(No Votes Before 5:00 p.m.)*

*Anticipated Floor Action:*

**H.Res. 417—Regarding the Importance of Fathers and the Development of  
Their Children**

**H.Res. 447—Sense of the House Regarding Financial Management by Federal  
Agencies**

**H.R. 3520—Lake Chelan-Wenatchee National Forest Boundary Adjustment Act**

**H.R. 1635—National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom Act**

**S. 423—Extending the Legislative Authority for the George Mason Memorial  
Garden**

**H.R. 3662—U.S. Holocaust Assets Commission Act**

**H.Res. 404—Resolution Regarding U.S.-Philippine Relations**

**H.Con.Res. 270—Resolution Regarding Taiwan's Positive Role in the Asian  
Financial Crisis**

**H.R. 2709—Iran Missile Proliferation Sanctions Act (Considering Senate  
Amendments)**



## **Bills Considered Under Suspension of the Rules**

**Floor Situation:** The House will consider the following eight bills under suspension of the rules as its first order of business today. Each is debatable for 40 minutes, may not be amended, and requires a two-thirds majority vote for passage.

**H.Res. 417—Resolution Regarding the Importance of Fathers** states that the House of Representatives (1) recognizes that the creation of a better America depends in large part on the active involvement of fathers in raising their children; (2) urges each father to accept his full share of

responsibility for the lives of his children and be actively involved in raising them, and encourage their academic, moral, and spiritual development; (3) encourages each father to devote time, energy, and resources to his children, recognizing that they need not only material support but, more importantly, a secure, affectionate family environment; and (4) expresses support for a national summit on fatherhood. The resolution was introduced by Mr. Pitts *et al.*, and was reported by the Education & Workforce Committee by voice vote on June 4, 1998.

**H.Res. 447—Sense of the House Regarding Financial Management by Federal Agencies** expresses the sense of Congress that federal agencies should meet the same audit standards as the private sector, state and local governments, and the federal contractors from whom such agencies purchase goods and services. This year, nearly two-thirds of the 24 major federal agencies have either failed or not completed their audits. The resolution places Congress on record as having acknowledged that reforms have been unsuccessful, and calls for consequent action to be taken against federal agencies that fail their audits. The resolution was introduced by Mr. Neumann *et al.*, but was not considered by a committee.

**H.R. 1635—National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom Act** requires the National Park Service (NPS) to establish a program to be known as the National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom. The bill directs the Interior Secretary to (1) develop a program that highlights the historic importance and value of the National Underground Railroad at appropriate national parks around the country; (2) establish exhibits; (3) provide appropriate educational materials, such as handbooks, maps, interpretive guides, and electronic information; (4) create and adopt an official symbol for the network; and (5) provide technical assistance to other interested entities. In addition, the bill authorizes the NPS to establish partnerships with interested entities (i.e., private organizations, federal, state, or local government agencies, and other countries) to assist in establishing the program. Finally, the measure authorizes \$500,000 annually to carry out these activities. Assuming appropriation of the authorized amounts, CBO estimates that the National Park Service will spend approximately \$500,000 annually (beginning in FY 1998) to carry out the requirements of the bill. The bill was introduced by Mr. Stokes *et al.*; the Resources Committee reported the bill by voice vote on May 20, 1998.

**H.R. 3520—Lake Chelan-Wenatchee National Forest Boundary Adjustment Act** consolidates the management of an 88-acre tract of property in the state of Washington within the jurisdiction of the Forest Service. The parcel, now within the Lake Chelan National Recreation Area, will become part of the Wenatchee National Forest. A section of the tract (23 acres) is private property and currently falls within the jurisdiction of both the National Park Service and the Forest Service. The bill intends to correct a boundary designation mistake and alleviate the confusion caused by having the land managed by two federal agencies. CBO estimates that enactment of H.R. 3520 will have no significant effect on the federal budget. The bill was introduced by Mr. Hastings (WA); the Resources Committee reported the bill by voice vote on May 20, 1998.

**S. 423—Extending the Legislative Authority for the George Mason Memorial Garden** extends the legislative authority of the Gunston Hall Board of Regents to establish a memorial honoring George Mason for three additional years, through August 10, 2000; the existing authority to establish the monument expired August 10, 1997. In 1990, Congress authorized the Board of Regents to establish a memorial to George Mason. Gunston Hall, located in Virginia, is the historical home of George Mason, the author of Virginia's 1776 "Declaration of Rights," and an active participant in the Constitutional Convention. In 1992, Congress enacted legislation (*P.L. 102-277*)

to locate the memorial in the “monumental core area.” The memorial, which will be known as the “George Mason Memorial Garden,” will be located near the Jefferson Memorial in Washington, D.C., between Ohio Drive and the George Mason Memorial Bridge, overlooking the Tidal Basin. The Commemorative Works Act (*P.L. 99-652*) stipulates that the legislative authority to construct a memorial will expire seven years after the date the memorial was authorized. The bill merely extends the legislative authority for the memorial for an additional three years. S. 423, introduced by Senators Warner and Robb, passed the Senate by unanimous consent on July 11, 1997. CBO estimates that enactment will have no significant impact on the federal budget. The House Resources Committee ordered the bill reported by voice vote on October 22, 1997.

**H.R. 3662—U.S. Holocaust Assets Commission Act** establishes a Presidential Advisory Commission on Holocaust Assets in the U.S. to (1) study and develop a historical record of the collection and disposition of specified assets of Holocaust victims if they came into the possession or control of the federal government, including the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System or any Federal Reserve bank, at any time after January 30, 1933, (2) coordinate its activities with those of private and governmental entities, (3) review research conducted by other entities regarding such assets in the U.S., and (4) report its recommendations to the president no later than December 31, 1999. The bill specifies that the commission will be composed of 21 members ranging from members of Congress, government officials, and private citizens. The head of the commission will be selected by the president. The bill outlines the commission’s organization, duties, and powers, and authorizes up to \$3.5 million for interagency funding of commission activities. The bill was introduced by Mr. Leach on April 4, 1998, and the Banking & Financial Services committee ordered the bill reported by voice vote on June 4, 1998.

**H.Res. 404—Commemorating 100 years of Relations Between the People of the U.S. and the People of the Philippines** congratulates the Philippines on the commemoration of its independence from Spain. It looks forward to broadening and deepening friendship and cooperation with the Philippines in the years ahead for the mutual benefit of both countries. The resolution also (1) supports the efforts of the Philippines to further strengthen democracy, human rights, the rule of law, and the expansion of free market economics both at home and abroad; and (2) recognizes the close relationship between the nations and the people of the U.S. and the Philippines and pledges its support to work closely with the Philippines in addressing challenges both countries will face in the next century. This year marks 100 years of ties between the people of the U.S. and the people of the Philippines and is also the centennial celebration of Philippine independence from Spain. The bill was introduced by Mr. Gilman *et al.* on February 31, 1998, and the International Relations Committee passed the resolution by voice vote on June 5, 1998.

**H.Con.Res. 270—Resolution Regarding Taiwan’s Positive Role in the Asian Financial Crisis** expresses the sense of Congress that Taiwan has played a positive role in the current Asian financial crisis and affirms the support of the United States for the security of the Taiwan Strait and Taiwan’s democracy. In the 1970s and 1980s, Taiwan instituted an economic policy predicated on financial liberalization, transparency, and market competitiveness—a policy that has spared Taiwan from much of the recent economic woes of other Asian nations. Financial analysts expect Taiwan’s economy to continue expanding, despite trade deficits caused by a sharp increase in exports from such Asian nations as Japan. Having been relatively unaffected by the Asian financial crisis, Taiwan has responded with offers of direct investment in countries such as Thailand, Malaysia, and the Philippines—a response lauded in the resolution. Taiwan has also offered to use its

foreign exchange reserves to help stabilize neighboring Asian economies. The resolution was introduced by Mr. Solomon, and was reported by the International Relations Committee by voice vote on June 5, 1998.

**Additional Information:** See *Legislative Digest*, Vol. XXVII, #15, June 5, 1998.



## **H.R. 2709—Iran Missile Proliferation Sanctions Act (Considering Senate Amendments)**

**Floor Summary:** The House will consider Senate amendments to H.R. 2709 after it completes consideration of the scheduled suspensions. On June 4, the Rules Committee granted a rule allowing the chairman of the International Relations Committee to make a motion to concur in the Senate amendments. The rule provides one hour of general debate on the motion.

**Summary:** H.R. 2709 requires the president to submit a report to Congress, within 30 days of enactment, identifying entities about whom there is credible information that they transferred missile goods or technology to Iran after January 22, 1998. Sanctions against entities involved in the attempt or transfer of missile technology to Iran include denying arms export licenses and eliminating all U.S. assistance for two years. The bill allows the president to waive sanctions for reasons of national security. The president must submit follow-on reports after six months and one year, and then submit reports annually. The bill also expresses the sense of Congress that the president should exercise existing authorities and available funds to prevent the transfer of weapons-related material and delivery systems to Iran through the purchase, barter, or other acquisition of such material and delivery systems. Finally, the bill includes the provisions of S. 610, the Chemical Weapons Convention Implementation Act of 1997.

When the Senate considered the measure on May 22, 1998, it amended the House-passed measure by modifying the effective date in two instances for sanctionable activities from August 8, 1995, to January 22, 1998, which is the date that the government of Russia issued a new decree restricting exports of missile technology.

Supporters of the bill believe that imposing new sanctions is essential to prevent Iranian arms proliferation and assert that the sanctions already in place have proven insufficient in meeting this objective. CBO estimates that enactment will cost the federal government less than \$500,000 annually, assuming appropriation of the necessary funds. H.R. 2709 was introduced by Mr. Gilman on October 23, 1997, and passed the House by voice vote on November 12, 1997. The Senate passed the bill, as amended, by a vote of 90-4 on May 22, 1998.

**Views:** The Republican leadership supports passage of the measure. The Clinton Administration strongly opposes the measure.



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Member Sponsoring Amendment: \_\_\_\_\_ Bill #: \_\_\_\_\_

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Description of the amendment: \_\_\_\_\_

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Reason for offering amendment (e.g., How will this change the bill or current law? Why should members support this change?): \_\_\_\_\_

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